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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 September 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-3, 6-11, 14-21, 24, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,058,721 to Midden et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,696,166 to Bukoschek et al. Midden et al discloses the claimed beverage chiller with a chilling unit 46 that extends into the hopper 42 for chilling the beverage. However, Midden et al does not disclose the reversible mixing member or the sensor for sensing an occurrence of a rotation reversal condition. Bukoschek et al teaches a mixer having a reversible mixing member 8 and a sensor for sensing an occurrence of a rotation reversal condition. See especially Fig. 4 and column 5, lines 36-56. Thus, it would be obvious to modify Midden et al so that the mixing member is reversible, in view of Bukoschek et al, to yield the predictable result that the beverage is thoroughly mixed before being dispensed. The type of motor used for the mixer unit is considered to be a matter of obvious choice to one of ordinary skill in the art. D.C. motors per se are well known, and no criticality or unexpected results are seen or have been disclosed for the use of a D.C. motor in Midden et al.

3. Claims 4, 12, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Midden et al in view of Bukoschek et al as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,610,399 to Weichenrieder et al. Midden et al as modified above by Bukoschek et al discloses the claimed invention except for the torque sensor.

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Weichenrieder et al teaches a reversible mixing unit with a torque sensor for reversing the direction of rotation of the mixer. See especially column 8, lines 57-61. Thus, it would be obvious to provide Midden et al with a torque sensor for the mixing unit, in view of Weichenrieder et al, to yield the predictable result of controlling when the mixing unit is reversed to prevent too much stress being placed on the mixer unit.

4. Claims 5, 13, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Midden et al in view of Bukoschek et al as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,081,346 to Fogo et al. Midden et al as modified above by Bukoschek et al discloses the claimed invention except for the timer for controlling the duration of rotation in one direction or the other. Fogo et al teaches that it is old to use a timer to control the direction of rotation of a reversible motor 144. See especially column 9, lines 12-21. Thus, it would be obvious to incorporate a timer into Midden et al, in view of Fogo et al, to yield the predictable result of limiting the duration in which the mixer unit is rotated in any one direction.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William E. Tapolcai whose telephone number is (571) 272-4814. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs., 6:30 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl J. Tyler can be reached on (571) 272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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